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Inventor: Hans D. Baumann. Art Unit: 3751
Examiner: Bastianelli, John Title: Balanced Plug Valve

Sir:

Your applicant is responding to your office action dated 3-17-2005.

Your examiner objected to an informality in my drawings, description 22 was omitted. This deficiency has been corrected and I enclose two new drawing sheet labeled "Replacement Sheets".

I also enclose a separate sheet listing all patent numbers that were cited in my application.

In the specification, please be so kind and correct the spelling on page 4, line 3 from the bottom, from "steeped" to -stepped--.

IN THE CLAIMS.

Your examiner will allow claims 3 and 6 once properly rewritten in independent form. Therefore please cancel all claims numbers 1 to 11 without prejudice and substitute therefore the attached new claims numbered 12 to 22.

As you can see, claim 12 is essentially the rewritten form of old claim 6, while the new claim 14 is essentially based on the old claim number 3.

The former misspelling of the word "stepped" in the old claim 3 has been corrected in the newer version.

The word "means" in, the now claim 12 line 11, refers to a valve stem identified as numeral 26 in the drawings and furthermore referred to in the specification on page 5, line 9. See also the newly drafted claim number 18.

This applicant feels that this application should now be ready for allowance and a speedy disposition of this case is appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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Encl. 2 drawing sheets, claims 12-22, a tabulation of reference patents

Tabulation of Reference Patents cited by applicant in the specification

<u>Number:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Classification:</u>
3,805,839	4-23-74	Baumann	137/625.35
4,474,356	8-12-84	Baumann	251/122
6,536,472 B2	7-18-02	Baumann	137/625.3